

so rich in blessing, may we as young people of the Brethren church imitate the worthy example of this noble English mother.

When we come to realize these things, then when National Conference comes, the Missionary program will consist of more than reports from three home mission points, but besides those may we not hope there will be many many more of a like nature, besides reports from the Brethren missions in Puerto Rico, in Hawaii, in South America, in the Phillipine Islands, in China and elsewhere. Young people, this is just a glimpse into the future for us. These thoughts are not outside the bound of reasonable limit, and may the day not be far distant when we as young people of the Brethren church will improve the great opportunities, within our easy reach, for doing a greater work for the church and glorifying God.

Missions

Financial Report Pennsylvania Home Mission Board

Amount Reported to Aug. 1,	\$310 07
Martinsburg church	3 00
Fairview "	1 11
Vinco " per Bowman	6 54
The Pike " "	2 38
M. Union " "	2 05
Johnstown "	3 50
M. C. Myers	1 00
Sergeantsville, N. Jersey	15 00

Total to Sept. 1, 1901, 344 65

This looks comparatively well as to former years at this date, but we should have quota in full so as to fix up accounts in proper shape. We will need some of these funds for September work at McVeytown and Black Log, Pa. The former by E. H. Smith and the latter by E. E. Haskins. Bro. Smith begins on the 16th and also Bro. Haskins, to continue as interest will warrant. Pray for the work while you are contributing during the month. Our church at McVeytown is newly seated and Bro. Smith will hold special dedicatory services on the 22nd. Bro. Hildebrand has lately been helping the Mission work at Mt. Vernon. Yours for the cause.

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Sec'y.

Johnstown, Pa.

From the National Capital

At our regular prayermeeting service last night we received another member by relation from the German Baptist brethren. A very estimable young lady, and one that will be useful in the church.

Our people are now returning from their vacations, and we trust that not only will their return be marked with new life physically speaking, but that it may be true also in a spiritual sense. We praise God for the success he has given us during the past year and in the name of Jesus we press on, trusting that we may accomplish much more in the cause of the Master during the coming

year. We also feel to praise his name for the privilege of meeting once more with our dear brethren and sisters in National Conference. We were unwell much of the time, but it was refreshing to us in spirit to be there, and especially to see the harmony and union that characterized all of the sessions. Above all we rejoice on account of the enthusiasm manifested in regard to the work of missions. May the Lord increase that enthusiasm more and more! I was sorry to leave the convention before its close, but physical disposition seemed to require it.

Had I the time I would like to speak of a number of things that impressed my mind during the conference. I may do so later if others do not refer to them. Remember us still at the throne of grace.

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Among the Churches

MINUTES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR 1901

The General Conference of the Brethren church for the ecclesiastical year 1900-1901 convened at Winona Park, Indiana, Thursday, August 29, at 2 P. M. J. E. Braker of South Bend, Indiana, led the conference in singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." J. H. Knepper, Meyersdale, Pa., read the fourth chapter of Ephesians and offered prayer.

The Moderator announced the following committees—(1) Committee on enrollment of delegates—W. H. Miller, Indiana; E. E. Haskins, Pennsylvania; J. L. Kimmel, Ohio. (2) Committee on Organization—C. E. Deffenbaugh, Ohio; L. W. Ditch, Nebraska; Daniel Crofford, Pennsylvania.

The committee on enrollment made a partial report showing an attendance of 77 delegates at the opening of conference.

The election of officers was made the order of business. The election resulted as follows: Moderator, J. M. Tombaugh; Vice Moderator, G. W. Rench; Secretary, W. D. Furry; Assistant Secretary, W. H. Stridiron; Treasurer, Josiah Keim; Statistician, W. H. Miller.

The newly elected Moderator announced the following committees: (1) Committee on Committees—A. D. Gnagey, Ohio; G. W. Rench, Indiana; J. H. Knepper, Pa. (2) The Executive Committee was made the committee on order of business with instructions to arrange and announce the program for each session of conference.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock J. H. Knepper, retiring Moderator, preached the annual sermon.

The second session convened Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock with the Moderator, J. M. Tombaugh, in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Louis S. Bauman. The 96 Psalm was read.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. There being no unfinished business the program as arranged by the Executive Committee was made the order of business.

J. Allen Miller, President of Ashland College, made the report of Ashland College for the scholastic year, 1900-1901. The report was encouraging in every respect. The outlook for the coming year was brighter than ever before. The report was enthusiastically received by the conference.

The Committee on Enrollment made a report showing an attendance of 98 delegates.

John Keim, Louisville, Ohio, Secretary of the Finance Committee of Ashland College made his ninth annual report. The report is as follows:

REPORT ASHLAND COLLEGE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cash in bank,	\$ 41 98
Rec'd. during year ending August 20, 1901,	
On apportionments,	116 00
On promissory notes,	297 67
On interest,	104 25
On account Board Trustees,	108 00
Loan from bank,	1000 00
Over draft on bank,	31 23
Amount paid to ex-mortgagees,	\$1114 17
On account Board Trustees,	20 15
Loan from bank,	500 00
Interest to bank,	33 25
Sundry expenses,	31 56
	\$1699 13 \$1699 13
We yet hold promissory notes amounting to	\$3042 80
On account Board Trustees,	320 25
Total Resources,	\$3362 05
We owe in bank,	1031 25
We owe to ex-mortgagees, approximately,	2400 00
Total Liabilities,	\$3431 25

There is due the ex-mortgagees, apportionment funds as follows:

From Ohio State District,	\$ 465 60
From Indiana State District,	235 05
From Pennsylvania State District,	1002 84
From Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia State District,	260 00
From Michigan State District,	190 00
	\$2153 49

The report was adopted.

J. M. Tombaugh addressed the conference on the topic, "Ashland College—Why Support It." He said it should be supported, (1) because of what it has done for the church, (2) because we must now look to it for our workers, (3) because we must have it as a center of Brethren teaching and theology—a center from which Brethren teaching and traditions must flow out.

W. D. Furry was called upon to make a statement concerning the Students' Volunteer Band for Foreign Missions which was organized in the College during the past year. He reported that the Band was organized, had an enrollment of sixteen members and that meetings for prayer and study were held bi-weekly during the year.

In the absence of E. L. Hildebrand, C. F. Yoder addressed the conference on, "The Christian College." The value of education to the race was pointed out, and the world's indebtedness for what it now enjoys was traced to the educated men of the past. The higher standards of morality that now prevail have been brought about by education. This knowledge has been conserved and propagated by the Christian college. The young man entering college enters new environments, forms new associations and must needs part with his old ideals. Hence the need of the Christian college at this critical period of the young man's life.

Pres. J. Allen Miller addressed the Conference on the subject of education in general. He pointed out the vital relationship that exists between education and religion. The progress of religion in the individual and in the world depends upon the harmonious development of the powers of the soul. True education of the intellect, the feelings and the will is the basis upon which all super-added gifts of graces depend.

An appeal was made at this time for aid for Ashland College. Five hundred dollars was asked for to better equip the physical and chemical laboratories. Dr. E. J. Worst of Ashland College agreed to double the amount raised by the Conference. \$320 was raised.

The committee on Committees made the following report: (1) On Resolutions—Z. T. Livengood, C. F. Yoder, Roger Darling. (2) On Auditing